

Airport To Become Beehive Of Activity This Weekend As Planes, Cars Bring Visitors To Porterville To Attend 27th Annual Moonlite Fly-In

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PORTERVILLE AIRPORT CONTINUES DEVELOPMENT AS AIR AGE UNFOLDS

PORTERVILLE — From its beginning as a World War II military auxiliary air base, Porterville airport has evolved through the years into a fine municipal airport serving the interests of private, commercial, and even state and federal aviation interests.

The field came into being more than 30 years ago when it was constructed and used by the military during World War II as a stop-over point for transient and ferry military aircraft traveling between various major bases both in the United States and overseas.

At the end of World War II, the field's military use slackened and eventually it was declared surplus to federal needs.

Through various transactions at a variety of governmental levels it finally came under city control and its prime mission became civilian aviation oriented.

Capable of handling nearly every type of World War II plane, the runways and taxiways, which had felt the wheels of trainers, fighters, transports, and bombers, began to get the thumps and bumps of student pilots and the more experienced landings of crop dusters and a few light charter planes.

As the interest in aviation grew in the local area, so did the use of Porterville airport. More and more persons learned to fly and the initial couple of fixed

base operators at the local airport began to grow in number. There are now eight aviation related businesses at the field and a couple of non-aviation related firms that rent space there.

In addition, there are more than 80 planes permanently based at the airport either privately or commercially owned by individual aviation enthusiasts or businesses located at the field or in the local area.

The airport has maintained its capabilities to handle a wide variety of aircraft from big four-engine aerial attack tankers on down. The only planes that would have difficulty using the field now are large jetliners and

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Event To Feature Activities To Entertain Young And Old

PORTERVILLE — Resembling a beehive with planes flying in and out, Porterville airport will host a burst of activity this weekend as the Porterville Area Pilots' association stages its 27th annual Moonlite Fly-In.

The event actually gets underway with formal activities on Saturday morning, but planes are expected to begin arriving Friday afternoon for the big event.

Features will include an air show Sunday with some of the nation's top pilots participating, a special moonlite dance on the airport apron Saturday night to the music of Buck Shaffer and his "Fabulous Studio Band," and pilot proficiency contests in addition to displays of a wide variety of aircraft and a special dinner and breakfast.

Registration for pilots will officially begin Saturday morning. However, as in past years, first arrivals are expected Friday evening, weather permitting, and many visitors will be "camping out" in tents and sleeping bags on lawn areas

surrounding the airport administration building in order to reserve a spot for themselves and their friends.

PAPA officials expect an estimated 500 aircraft to visit the airport during the weekend carrying some 1,500 fliers, while several thousand drive-in visitors are also expected to attend the big event.

Sponsoring officials note that the event is designed to have "something for everyone" from the aviation oriented pilots and passengers to the drive-in visitors.

In addition to registration on Saturday, the fly-in will also feature pilot proficiency contests of spot landing, flour bombing, and a "Poker Run" during the course of the day. Displays of aircraft and aircraft judging will also be held on Saturday.

At 5 p.m., Saturday, the Tulare County CowBelles will serve a barbecued beef dinner followed at 8 p.m. by the award of trophies to visiting pilots and

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1976 FLY-IN PROGRAM

SATURDAY, JUNE 12

8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Landing and Registration (sign up for contests when registering)
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Aeronautical and Static Displays
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Poker Run
3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Spot Landing, Flour Bombing
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	BBQ Dinner by CowBelles
8:00 p.m.	Presentation of Awards
9:00 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.	Moonlite Dance by Fabulous Studio Band

AIRCRAFT JUDGING FROM 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 13

6:00 a.m.	Dawn Patrol Breakfast by Emblem Club
9:00 a.m. to 12 noon	Aeronautical and Static Displays
12:00 to 12:30 p.m.	Welcome to Porterville
12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.	AIR SHOW
Pat Tomlinson	Sopwith Pup
Gerry Massey	Li'l Toot
Jim Lasley	Aeronca Champ
Bob Hoover	Shrike Commander
Jim Raymond	Omni T-6
Art Scholl	Pitts Special
Bob Hoover	P-51 Mustang

Local Groups To Operate Booths At Annual Fly-In

PORTERVILLE — The annual Porterville Moonlite Fly-In is sponsored by the Porterville Area Pilots' association, but there are a number of other civic organization which get involved and man concession booths to help satisfy needs and desires of persons attending the big event.

Working at the 27th annual event this year will be the American Legion Post 20 serving hamburgers, Demolay with hot dogs, Porterville Junior Women's club with sno-cones, the 99's Women Pilots' organization will serve ice cream, and the Zonta

club with orange juice. There will also be several novelty and souvenir booths, and a bookmobile related to flying, plus an aviation artist.

PAPA members will man the soft drink and beer booths while the CowBelles will serve a special barbecue beef dinner complete with all the trimmings from 5 p.m. to about 8 p.m. Saturday and the Porterville Emblem club will serve the "Dawn Patrol" breakfast starting at about 6 a.m. Sunday.

Johnno's airport restaurant and the Blue Max room will also be open.

Airport

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the big military bombers and cargo aircraft.

As proof of its capabilities, The Navy Blue Angels precision flight demonstration team, put on a show at the local airport in 1972 with the Mach 2 McDonnell Douglas F-4J Phantoms, one of the nations hottest jet fighter-bombers, and experienced no real problems with the facility.

There has been a continual upgrading of the airport facilities through the years with major improvement of the runway and taxiways, a new administration building and restaurant facility, addition of new lighting, and several new hangars and business installations.

The city has been primarily responsible for improvements of real property and construction of the administration building while aviation related businesses have developed most of the hangars and business installations and the Porterville Area Pilots Association, sponsors of the annual Moonlite Fly-In, have helped with special lighting at the runway approach and other smaller projects.

Among the "fixed base" operators at the local airport now are two flight training schools, which also handle charter flights and aircraft sales and rentals; several aircraft repair and maintenance installations for either fixed wing or rotary wing aircraft; a couple of agriculturally oriented flying services utilizing both fixed wing and rotary wing

aircraft; two helicopter (rotary wing) aircraft construction and repair facilities; and the U.S. Forest Service and California Division of Forestry air attack station for aerial operations against forest fires.

In addition, two other non-aviation related businesses, Water Specialties and Botanical Products, rent space from fixed base operators at the airport.

Throughout the year, the Porterville airport is a steady hum of activity. There are planes and helicopters flying in and out almost constantly, involved in the everyday work and actions that go on at the sprawling facility.

Porterville airport has come a long way from its early beginning, but it also has a bright future as the air age continues to unfold.



MAJOR PORTIONS of the 27th annual Moonlite Fly-In at Porterville airport this weekend will be the "Fabulous Studio Band" under the baton of Buck Shaffer, shown at top in a 1960 appearance at a local Fly-In, and "Doc Small" alias Gene Duncan, who handles the master of ceremonies chores on the public address system. The band will play for this year's Saturday night dance on the airport apron.

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LOCAL FRIENDLINESS, WORK MADE ANNUAL FLY-IN GROW

PORTERVILLE — With a newly acquired "war surplus" airport and a growing interest in aviation, a group of local pilots got together at Porterville airport in 1947 and, under direction of Cecil Cook, then manager of the airport, laid plans for the first Moonlight fly-in, according to Irmylee Fitzgaur, one of Porterville's first women pilots.

A total of 27 pilots and planes showed up for the event and roasted weiners over camp fires and ate beans and salad provided by wives of the hosting pilots. It was loads of fun and from that modest beginning, the Porterville Area Pilots' association was formed in 1948 to carry on the event in future years.

According to Mrs. Fitzgaur, things were good and got better until the fourth year brought in 104 planes and PAPA members decided it was too big for their meager group to handle. However, other civic groups and the chamber of commerce decided it was a worthwhile event and joined in to lend a helping hand.

With the expanded work force, more could be accomplished and more visitors handled and the activity kept growing until in 1956 total of 702 pilots and planes were registered on the field during the

busy weekend.

Around that year was when clubs from Southern California would show up with 70 or 80 members, particularly one organization known as the Flying Derbies. Their trademark was a black derby hat which each member wore. Their hats were seen everywhere during the fly-in weekend.

As time passed, however, the supporting work force gradually drifted away until the fly-in was actually given up for a couple of years because of lack of leadership and support in the PAPA. The first year it was abandoned, a group of pilots and passengers came up anyway and got together with a few local pilots to hold their own "Fly-in."

But in 1966, Jerrel Medlin became president of the unit and began reviving plans for the fly-in. Securing some staunch help from pilot members, he laid his plans well, secured help with publicity and the fly-in was reborn.

The old administration office and lunch counter became a silk screen shop where posters advertising the fly-in were printed by hand for lack of funds. It was a "scrimp and save" activity but when the big event rolled around, there were about 350 airplanes in attendance and lots of drive-in visitors to see the planes and enjoy the air show, outdoor dance and many other activities.

It was uphill from there on but the fly-in grew and was soon back in the more than 500 to near 700 airplane class again. It became one of the "fun" fly-ins on the west coast and the friendly attitude of local residents who also attended the event helped draw pilots back time after time.

PAPA has about 60 members on its rolls. Not all can or do work on setting up the event but most of them do show up during the fly-in to help make visitors welcome and assist with the myriad chores that crop up in the overall staging of the activity.

With the interest in flying on the upswing here, improvements also came along at the airport. Many of the old temporary buildings from World War II days were eliminated or remodeled and eventually the old administration building was torn down and the new, modern structure presently serving as the administration office and airport

restaurant was built.

PAPA members designed and built a temporary shade area to provide shade and tables and benches for hot visitors. Other portions of proceeds from previous fly-ins were plowed back into the airport in a clubhouse building, a picnic and barbecue area, and strobe lights for use on "weather" nights to indicate the runway approach.

A \$5,000 fund was also turned over to the city by the club to be used to attract federal funding for other major improvements at the local airport.

The annual fly-ins not only help the local airport, but Porterville is also known as the "friendliest flying town" in the country as a result of much hard work each year by the PAPA

membership and their wives and support from local residents who attend the fly-in each year to see

the "show" and become acquainted with visiting pilots and passengers from other areas.



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Porterville is headquarters city for the Sequoia National Forest; it is the home of an 1,800-bed State hospital; it is the largest city on the scenic and time-saving 65 highway route out of southern California into the Sierra recreation land.

The community has 28 churches; more than 60 social, service and fraternal organizations; a community college, two Parochial schools; seven elementary and two junior high schools; two senior high schools and a unique horseshoeing school.

Its citizens enjoy a municipal library, a municipal airport, two golf courses, several athletic fields, two swimming pools (there will soon be three more), an 1,800 seat auditorium, a college stadium, three school gymnasiums, a fairgrounds, and a historical museum. A district hospital serves the community.

City population is about 14,000 persons; trade area has about 50,000 persons.

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SKILLED PILOT, R.A. "Bob" Hoover, director of customer relations for Rockwell International, will be featured in two special performances at the airshow of the 27th annual Porterville Moonlite Fly-In Sunday, June 13, at Porterville airport. Hoover will fly the P-51 Mustang in the background and also twin-engine Shrike Commander in hair-raising aerobatic demonstrations.

Bob Hoover, One Of Best, In Local Aerobatic Show

EL SEGUNDO — Robert A. "Bob" Hoover is one of America's foremost pilots and one who, with precision aerial maneuvers, has demonstrated to millions the maximum performance capability of some of Rockwell International Corporation's celebrated aircraft, including the F-100 Super Sabre, the F-86 Sabre Jet, the F-51 (P-51) Mustang, the Shrike Commander, OV-10 Bronco and the Northrop F-5E at the Paris Air Show 1973.

Today, Hoover flies the F-51 Mustang and the Shrike Commander, twin-engine business and utility aircraft, in demonstrations of skill and precision at air fairs and celebrations throughout the world. In 1966 he was selected as a team captain for the United States Aerobatic Team during the International Competitions in Moscow, Russia.

A graduate of both Air Force and Navy test pilot schools, Hoover first started testing aircraft as an Army Air Corps pilot in North Africa during World War II. He was assigned to demonstrate to fighter pilots throughout the European-Middle East-Africa theater the maximum performance capability of American aircraft.

Later during World War II he had a combat tour flying Spitfires with the 52nd Fighter Group in Sicily and Corsica. He was shot down and captured on his 59th mission and spent over a year as a prisoner of war in Stalag Luft I on the Baltic Sea. He has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Soldier's Medal, Air Medal and the Purple Heart.

Hoover originally joined the company in 1950 as an engineering test pilot and was the first man to fly the XFJ-2 Fury Jet, predecessor of the Navy's famed Fury fighters which were on duty throughout the world, and has tested every type of the Sabre series aircraft.

During the Korean conflict, he was requested by the Air Force to visit various front-line squadrons demonstrating the Sabre Jet dive bombing capabilities.

Hoover is past-president of The Society of Experimental Test Pilots, a professional organization formed 16 years ago which now boasts a membership of 1,400 in the U.S. and 20 foreign countries.

Born in Nashville, Tenn., on January 24, 1922, he attended Isaac Litton high school and George Peabody college. He joined the Army Air Corps in 1940 and won his wings in 1942.

Hoover, his wife Colleen, and their two children, live in Palos Verdes Estates, Calif.

He will be one of the featured pilots in the 27th Annual Porterville Moonlite Fly-In at noon Sunday, June 13, at Porterville municipal airport.

Agriculture is a vital source of employment in California, 1975 figures indicate that over 400,000 persons are employed on farms in the state.

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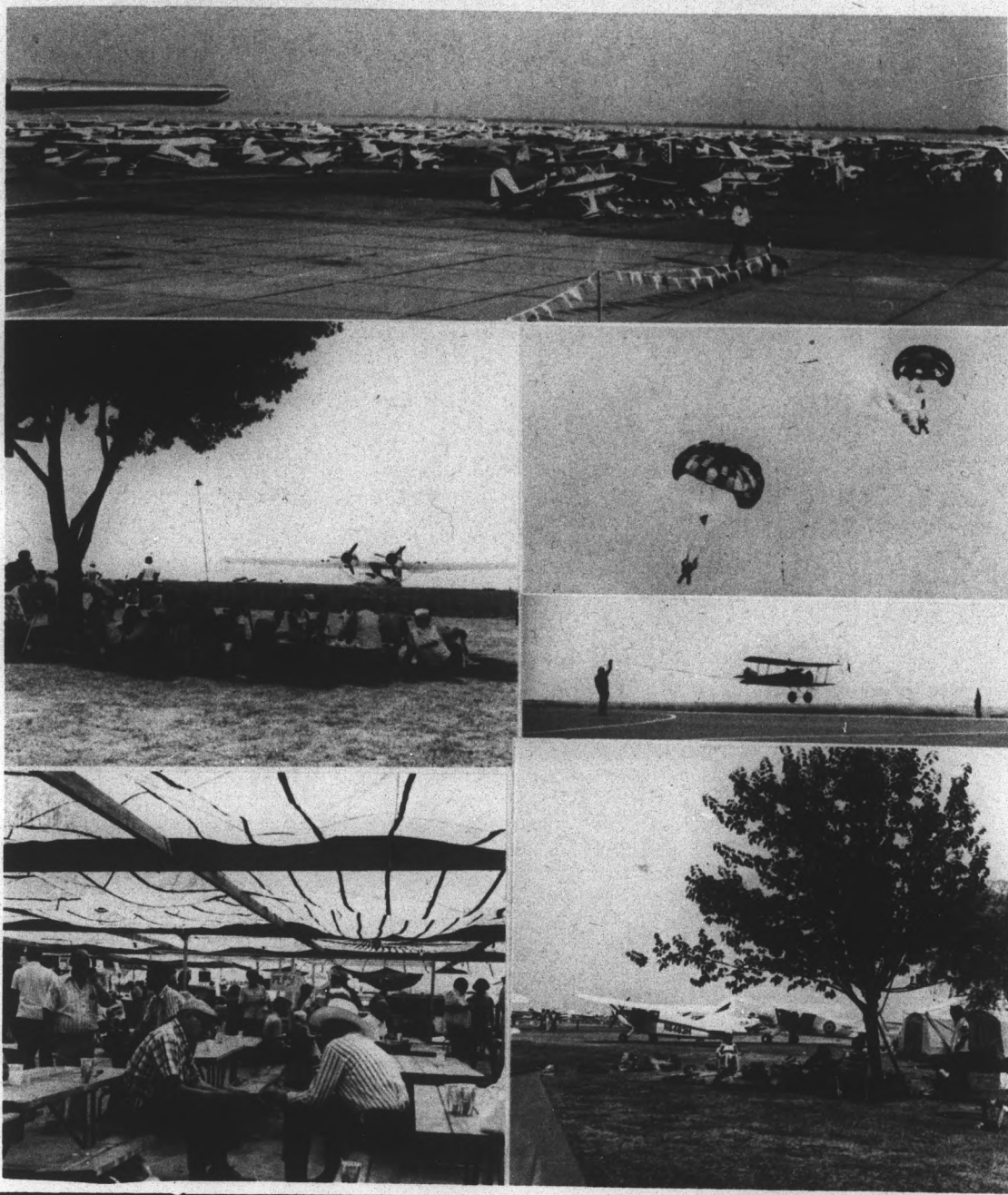
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planes and at 9 p.m. by the special dance.

Sunday morning will start off about 6 o'clock with the Porterville Emblem club serving the "Dawn Partol" breakfast for early risers followed by the opening of displays at 8 a.m.

At noon a special welcome to Porterville program will be held and then the top flight air show will commence at about 12:30 p.m.

Featured in the air show will

be Bob Hoover in the Rockwell P-51 and the twin engine Shrike Commander; Art Scholl in his national and international aerobatic title winning Pitts Special; Jim Raymond in the Omni T-6; Gerry Massey in his Meyer's Special; Jim Lasley in his "Air-Knocker;" and Pat Tomlinson in the World War I Sopwith Pup.

The public is welcome to attend part or all of the activity, however, a \$1 per person donation is being asked at the gate to help defray expenses of staging the event.



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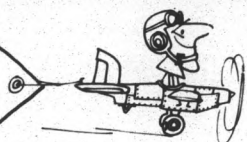


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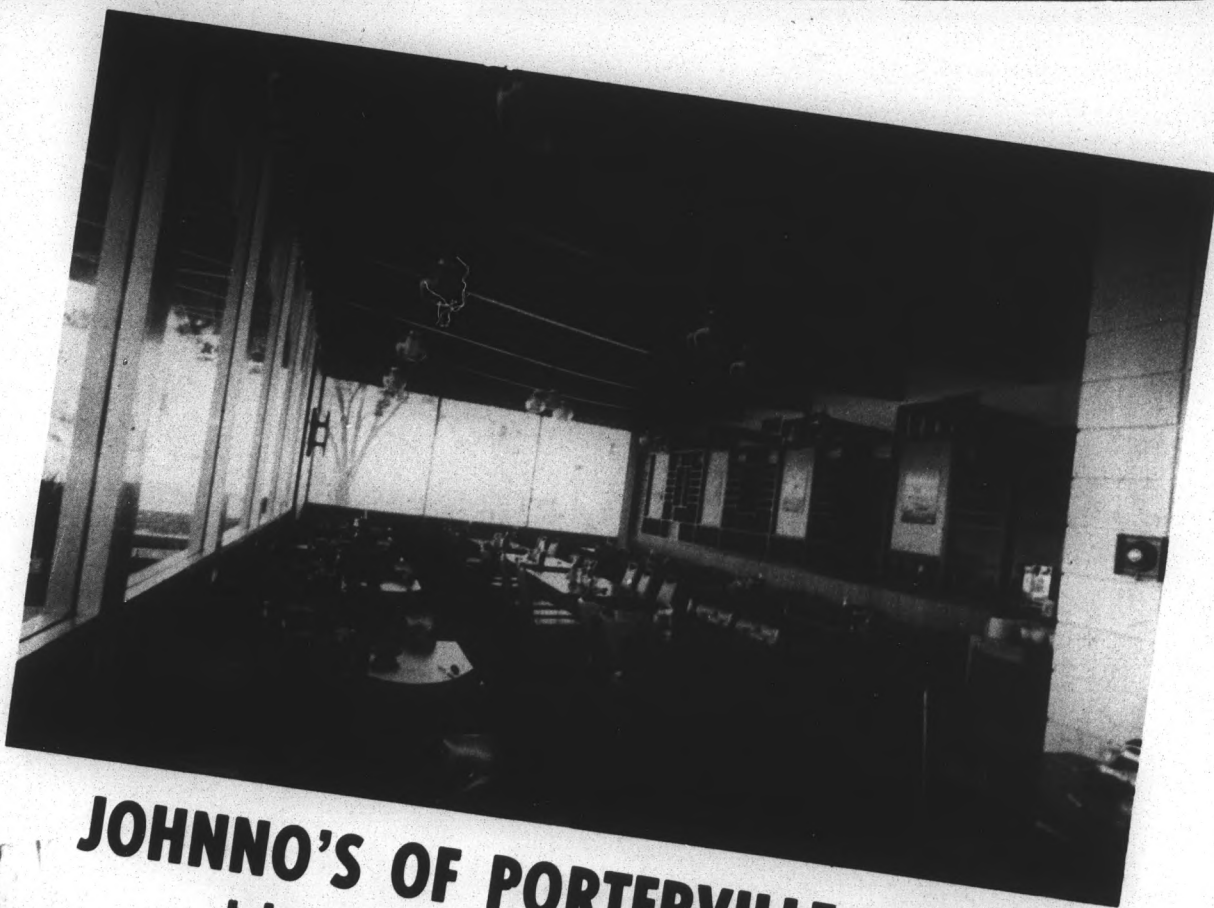
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INTERNATIONALLY FAMOUS pilot and college professor, Art Scholl, will be one of the stellar performers in the 1976 bicentennial Porterville Moonlite Fly-In at Porterville airport this weekend, June 11, 12, and 13. Scholl poses with trophies he won, including the 1973 national and international aerobatics championships, flying the Pitts Special airplane in the background. Scholl will perform in the Sunday noon air show here in the Pitts for local air enthusiasts.



DIRECTORY SIGN at the main entrance to Porterville airport shows a line map of the airport roads and surrounding roads and the location of the various businesses at the big field. The sign was recently placed for the convenience of airport drive-in visitors.

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Instruction will be offered at five sites according to summer school director John Rankin. Grades K-3 will be offered at John J. Doyle, Olive Street, and Westfield schools; grades K-7 will be offered at the Tule River Indian reservation; and grades 4 through 7 will be offered at Bartlett junior high.

The summer school will be in session from 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday during each of the four weeks, with Monday, July 5, being a holiday.

Enrollment is still open and students may enroll at any time during the four-week session, Rankin said. For information about enrolling, parents can call Pioneer Junior High at 784-8162.

Famous Flying Professor To Show Skill Locally

SAN BERNARDINO — To the student body and faculty at San Bernardino Valley college in San Bernardino, California, Professor Art Scholl, B.S., M.A., is a tall, lecture-styled tutor who heads the department of aeronautics. His neighbors and friends at the nearby community of Riverside know him as the well-spoken father of two boys: John, 8 and David 10. However, to millions, the 39 year old educator is known as primarily the world's most outstanding and daring stunt pilot to perform at air shows throughout the world.

As a member of the elite U.S. Aerobatic Team, Art competed with top-flight European pilots at Moscow in 1966, and Magdeburg, East Germany in 1968 and Hullavington, England in 1970 where the U.S. Team won first place and the famous Nesterov Cup.

Between teaching at Valley college and performing breathtaking maneuvers with his sleek, low-winged Chipmunk and Pitts S-2A, Scholl also flies for Tallmantz Aviation through Hollywood skies, either as a "pilot-actor" or at the controls of a camera ship.

Scholl's flying career began when as a Milwaukee high school senior in 1949 he won an International Control-Model Airplane perpetual award. Within a year's time, the gangling youth "graduated" from launching model airplanes to obtaining a private pilot's license. He came to California the following year and studied aeronautical maintenance at Northrop Institute of Technology.

Later Art attended Mt. San Antonio college in Pomona, Calif. and graduated from San Jose in 1958 with a B.A. degree in aeronautical engineering. In 1966 Scholl received a master's degree from Los Angeles State College.

Despite a heavy study program, flying became increasingly compelling for Scholl. During his last year at San Jose State, he bought a Globe-Swift aircraft and scored with spectators as an aerobatic pilot at a local air show.

"From that point on, there was no turning back," Scholl says. "After I came to San

Bernardino Valley college to teach, I met Frank Tallman who with the late Paul Mantz, monopolized the market for aerial movie filming. He invited me to do some flying, including stunt work for features and documentaries.

And while I have presently devoted most of my aerobatic flying to professional

participation in air shows and air races, I still find myself occasionally 'dog-fighting' in World War I or World War II fighters for Tallmantz Aviation." Art is very proud and thankful of this bestowal of confidence, upon him, by a man who is an aviation legend all by himself.

Scholl understands aerobatics as a professional pilot and as a contest judge whose skill and judgement in competition are considered expertise. As an aerobatic flight instructor, he is convinced that training in basic aerobatics makes any flyer, including commercial airmen,

safer pilots. In fact, several airline captains make it a habit of "relaxing" in between transcontinental or overseas jet flights, by taking a few "brush up" lessons in snap-rolls, loops and spins from Art Scholl, "Professor of Flyology" as he is sometimes known by his elite cadre of students.

A "stunt pilot's stunt pilot," Scholl belongs to a special "in group" of pilots including the Blue Angels and Thunderbirds whom he frequently flies with at air shows.

Maintaining his aerobatic fleet of Pitts Specials and Super Chipmunks is an expensive proposition, Scholl admits. Most of the money he earns at air shows is "plowed right back" into his ships and hangar facilities. A good deal of help is extended by the Pennzoil Company and Cox, the model manufacturer. In return, the Pennzoil and Cox logos are emblazoned at the fuselage of his air show stallions and on his flight apparel.

With over 6,000 hours currently in his logbook, Scholl's ratings include commercial, single- and multi-engine, seaplane, glider, instrument, flight and ground instructor. He also holds an aircraft and powerplant (A & P) mechanics rating, and is in addition, an FAA mechanic examiner.

Scholl's life is the epitome of planning; and execution of plan to efficiently derive the most out of life. At home, Art may be located on his grounds, planting a shrub, decorating a room or splashing up a "free for all" with his boys in the family pool.

But he is as equally at home flashing and tumbling through the sky in one of his sleek aerobatic planes thrilling large crowds of spectators.



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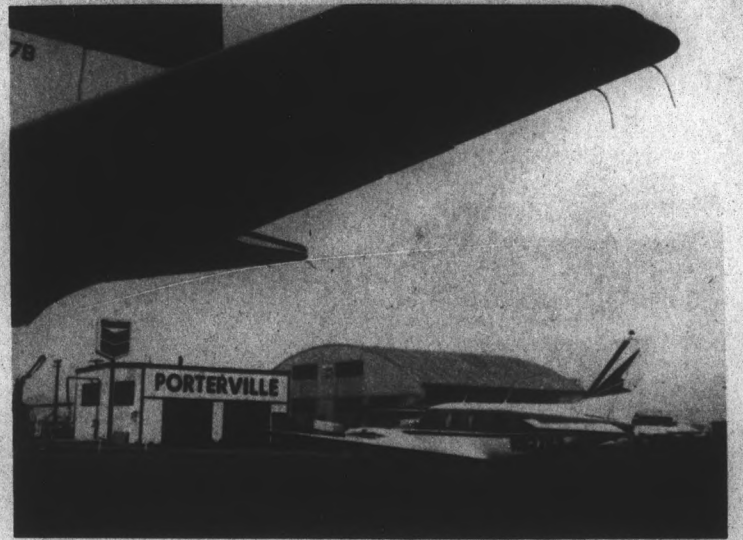
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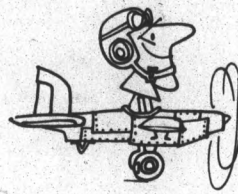
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AEROBAT Gerry Massey, from Delano, flies a Meyer "Li'l Toot." This aircraft was built by Gerry and his brother, Ken Massey, in 1967. The Li'l Toot is powered by a 180 hp Lycoming engine which gives the craft outstanding performance for air show aerobatics. Li'l Toot is also equipped with smoke, which also adds to the show. And Gerry is a past master at putting the little craft through precision aerobatic maneuvers. He will be part of the big 27th annual Moonlite Fly-In airshow Sunday afternoon.



REMAINING STRUCTURES of the military era at Porterville airport from a little more than 30 years ago are the fire station with the "Porterville" sign on it, which is still in use, and the big hangar in the background which houses Ray's Aircraft service, a complete aircraft repair facility.



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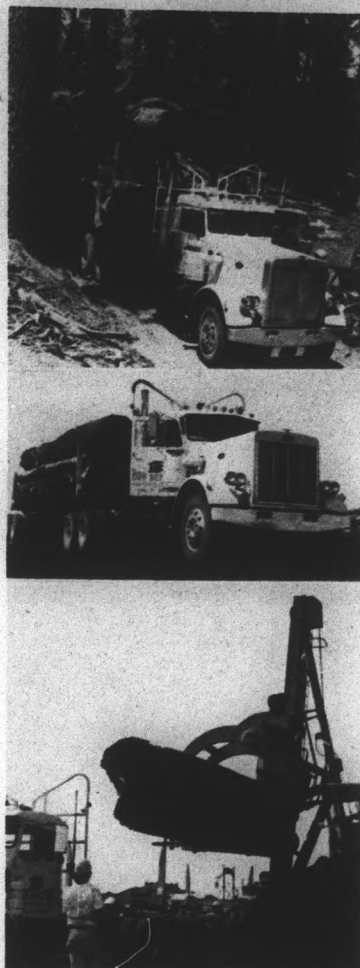


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The Saga Of Bob Benton And "Ole Yaller"

By Art Thrall

QUAKING ASPEN — "Ole Yaller" chuckled way down deep in its exhaust stack! The sharp "rap" echoed through the tall pines and fir trees up and down the canyons, bouncing off sharp cliffs and rolling along mountainsides.

Sensing the change in the "feel" of the big 335 horsepower Cummins Diesel engine, the short, powerful driver glanced swiftly at the instrument panel to verify his "feeling" for the machinery.

One hand lifted from the big steering wheel while the other continued the spinning motion. The left foot went to the red-carpeted floor several times with the clutch pedal while the right hand moved two levers protruding from the flat cab floor and the right foot nursed the throttle up and down lightly. All of it was accomplished in a

properly coordinated sequence.

The big diesel engine "revved" up into a steady hum and "Ole Yaller" continued the smooth climb up the steep grade.

But it wasn't an isolated series of actions. Instead it was a continuing flow of action! There was hardly any let up! there was the constant spinning of the huge steering wheel in turn after turn from right to left and back as the big rig snaked its way upward.

There was the continual shifting of gears to lower or higher ranges, the kick at the clutch pedal, the nursing of the throttle and foot brake, the constant monitoring of the 18 vital gauges on the dash panel, the flicking of various toggle switches on and off, and the carefully tuned attention of the driver to the sound of the huge, bright yellow machine as it alternately hummed or chugged upward.

As the road straightened momentarily, Bob Benton let his attention go out of the cab side windows for a second. "Beautiful country!" he remarked. And he was right! Seated high in the cab of the big yellow logging truck, one could catch views of the high Sierra canyons and mountains that aren't ordinarily seen from the much lower cars on the road to Quaking Aspen.

But the brief respite was just that! Another climbing turn is coming up and its back to the twisting of the steering wheel, the shifting of gears, and close attention to the big machine and the road ahead.

As the big truck wound its way toward the logging site in the high Sierra for its load of logs, Benton, a college professor by vocation and a logging truck driver by avocation, begins to unfold the story of his monster machine of which he is so proud.

And proud he should be, because he did much of the

work to make it what it is today.

Basically, "Ole Yaller" is a 1968 Peterbilt truck, but literally it is a composite of three such trucks each of which were involved in nearly totally destructive accidents that took the lives of a total of four people.

The front half of "Ole Yaller's" frame is from a truck that was involved in a truck-car accident in the Kennedy Meadows area several years ago.

Benton explained that a car came around a corner and crashed into the left front side of the truck which was loaded with logs headed for Redlands. The car went clear under the big truck bending the heavy frame. The three occupants of the car were killed.

The truck was repaired, but in a later trip hit some ice in the Mammoth area and went into a skid. The driver jumped out and the truck rolled over the top of him and into the bottom of the canyon where it broke in half. The engine, the front part of the frame, and front wheels were salvaged, the rest was damaged beyond repair. The driver survived.

Benton got the salvaged parts and began a total rebuilding process on the engine which had more than half a million miles on it.

The back half of "Ole Yaller's" frame came from a truck which crashed off of a road near Kennedy Meadows, totalling out all but the rear frame area. The driver was critically injured, but recovered later.

The front axle and suspension and the rear driver units and axles of "Ole Yaller" came from a third truck that crashed off of Nine Mile grade east of Inyokem killing the driver and demolishing almost all of the big rig.

As the parts were salvaged, Benton managed to get hold of

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PARADE, DEDICATION AT CAMP NELSON, PIERPOINT

CAMP NELSON — A parade, a "bring-your-own" picnic, and a dedication ceremony will be the main features of a special celebration at Camp Nelson and Pierpoint Springs this Saturday.

Officials of the co-sponsoring Upper Tule association and the Camp Nelson Women's club said the event is to serve a two-fold purpose - to celebrate the nation's bicentennial and also to dedicate the Camp Nelson Emergency Services Center which was recently completed to serve the small mountain communities.

Kickoff of the big day will be at 11 a.m. when a parade featuring bands, floats, drill teams, old-time cars, and special guests Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny, and Smokey the Bear, will wind its way from Camp Nelson to Pierpoint Springs.

Following the parade, a family-style, "bring-your-own" picnic will be held with games and prizes for children and live music and dancing to entertain the adults.

At 3 p.m., action will shift to the new emergency services center located just below Highway 190 on the Camp Nelson turn-off where dedication services will be held for the facility.

Participating in the special ceremony will be officials of the California Division of Forestry, the U.S. Forest Service, and the Tulare County Sheriff's department and the Volunteer Search and Rescue unit.

In addition, a U.S. Navy drill team and a U.S. Marine Corps

color guard will take part.

The new emergency service center at Camp Nelson, houses vehicles and equipment of the search and rescue unit, the U.S. Forest Service, and the state division of forestry fire department.

John Lewis of Pierpoint Springs has been chosen as grand marshal of the parade. He will be dressed as "Uncle Sam" in a red, white, and blue suit.

Louise "Gramma" Mauser, 84, pioneer resident of the area, will serve as queen of the overall event. Her court will consist of princesses Anna Lee Fox, Hazel Anderson, Pauline Lesser, and Nita Dillon Rutherford, all members of the Camp Nelson Women's club.

The public is invited to attend the day-long event.

BROWN URGED TO APPOINT UNBIASED BOARD

SACRAMENTO — The State Board of Food and Agriculture at its regular monthly meeting June 3 unanimously passed a resolution urging Governor Brown to immediately appoint qualified, objective, and unbiased persons to administer the Agricultural Labor Relations board in the best interests of all the people of the state of California. The resolution was introduced by Board Member Paul Ames of Indio.



ROYALTY OF the Camp Nelson-Pierpoint Springs bicentennial and dedication activities set Saturday in the small mountain communities include princesses, top left to right, Nita Rutherford, Hazel Anderson, Pauline Lesser, and Anna Box, and at left, Queen Louise "Gramma" Mauser and parade grand marshal John Lewis. The event will feature a parade, a "bring your own" picnic, and a dedication of the new Camp Nelson Emergency Services Center. The public is invited.

SHELTERED WORKSHOP GRAND OPENING

PORTERVILLE — Grand opening and open house is scheduled Saturday at the new headquarters for the Porterville Sheltered Workshop in the "old Purity building" 187 West Olive avenue.

Ken Goodwin, president of the Sheltered Workshop board of directors, says doors will be open between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. with clients, staff, administrators and directors assisting with tours of the facility.



SIXTH COMMENCEMENT, June 4 at Monache High School. (Farm Tribune photos)

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GIRLS' PACK TRIP PLANNED BY YMCA

PORTERVILLE — A three-day backpacking trip for girls out of Cedar Grove to Mist Falls is being planned by the Porterville YMCA June 24-26.

Five experienced women including program director Andrea Mock, will accompany the girls as advisors.

Charge for the trip is \$15 however the YMCA has scholarship funds available for those who desire to go but can't otherwise afford it.

Interested persons should contact the YMCA, 784-8192, to be assured a space for the trip

Six Pound Bass Takes 4th Week Prize In Derby

PORTERVILLE — James Wilson, 28500 Highway 190, Porterville, was the fourth weekly winner in the annual Porterville chamber of commerce sponsored Success Lake Bass derby.

Wilson registered a six pound, 23 inch long bass to earn his prize.

The bass derby continues through June 30th with a \$200 grand prize awaiting the person who catches the largest bass out of Lake Success during the two-month long derby.

Changes Eyed In Commercial Feed Labeling

SACRAMENTO — The California Department of Food and Agriculture has announced proposed changes in regulations pertaining to commercial feed.

To clarify and update ingredient standards and labeling for commercial feeds, the department is proposing: (1) changing labeling requirements for feed containing non-protein nitrogen; (2) expanding specifications for animal waste, alfalfa, and fat products; and (3) further defining standards for fats, oils, molasses, and peanut products.

Agricultural chemicals and feed chief John Hillis says, "The changes are necessary to keep pace with changing practices in the feed industry and to better control and enforce the commercial feed law."

California meat, milk, and egg producers purchase over eight million tons of commercial feed annually. They are dependent on label guarantees and standards in selecting the feed that will give the wanted and expected results.

Interested persons may present statements or arguments in writing on the proposed changes to Agricultural Chemicals and Feed, Department of Food and Agriculture, 1220 N Street, Sacramento, by 5 p.m., July 1. A complete copy of the proposed regulations may be obtained from the Agricultural Chemicals and Feed Unit.

Alfalfa hay cutting is underway in all areas of the state with some aphid problems appearing the San Joaquin valley fields.

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PEGGY THIESEN NEW PRESIDENT COTTON WIVES

TULARE — May meeting and installation of the 1976-77 officers of the Tulare County Cotton Wives Auxiliary was held at the Sequoia club in Tulare. Installing Officer Miss Dorothy Webb of Visalia introduced the following new officers: President, Peggy Thiesen, Dinuba; vice president, Lucy Killelte, Tulare; recording secretary, Rhonda Wilbur, Tulare; corresponding secretary, Mary Jane Stuhaan, Visalia; and treasurer, Miss Mary Valine, Porterville.

Prior to the installation the regular meeting was conducted by outgoing President Helen Wilcox of Strathmore. Committee reports included: Membership, Alice Levis reporting 146 paid members to date.

Acting Scholarship chairman, Orlou Williams, reported on committees activities and introduced Miss Mary Sepeda the 1976 scholarship recipient. Miss Sepeda, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Sepeda of Tulare, is a senior at Tulare Union High school and a member of the Tulare Western Future Farmers of America. She is a Dairy Science and Agricultural Education major and will be transferring to Cal Poly at San Luis Obispo for the Fall semester.

Mrs. Wilcox noted the Bicentennial committee was active and a "Cotton Scramble" would be held on July 4 in conjunction with the Visalia Bicentennial days project to be held at the Visalia Plaza park.

Maurie Smartt of Porterville invited everyone to attend the 4-H Fashion show at the Porterville Junior Livestock show in Porterville. Dallas Fallert gave a short talk on the trunk fashion show that was being sponsored by the CIBA-GEIGY Corporation throughout the United States. She reported the show was being well received and over 3,000 persons in Tulare and Fresno counties had viewed the clothes representing 10 wives of past U.S. presidents dating back to 1776 through 1919.

Tulare County Maid of Cotton Miss Arleen "Cookie" Andrews related her cotton promotion activities so far this year since her selection in March 1976. Mrs. Wilcox expressed her sincere thank-you to all of her corp of officers and many chairmen and workers this past year.

FARM BUREAU MEETS TUESDAY

VISALIA — Officers for the 1976-77 year will be installed and guest speaker will be Fred Heringer, president of the California Farm Bureau Federation, at a directors' meeting of the Tulare County Farm Bureau, 7 p.m., next Tuesday at the Assembly hall in Visalia. Perry and Hazel Marlin, of Springville, will show colored slides.

COLLEGE BUDGET GAIN INDICATED

BAKERSFIELD — Proposed tentative budget for the Kern Community College district for 1976-77 is \$23,050,337, reflecting an \$898,000 increase over last year. The board of trustees will hold a public workshop today at 3 p.m. at the Bakersfield College Downtown center to review the budget. Porterville college is in the Kern county district.

Grasshoppers have caused economic damage in limited areas of the state.



NEW OFFICERS of the Tulare County Cotton Wives, top, from left: Miss Mary Valine, Porterville, treasurer; Mesdames Steve Wilbur, Tulare, recording secretary; Vernon Thiesen, Dinuba, president; Elmer Killelte, Tulare, vice president;

and Dane Stuhaan, Visalia, corresponding secretary. In lower photo, Miss Mary Sepeda, left, of Tulare, receives the 1976 Cotton Wives scholarship from "Cookie" Andrews, of Dinuba, Tulare County Maid of Cotton.

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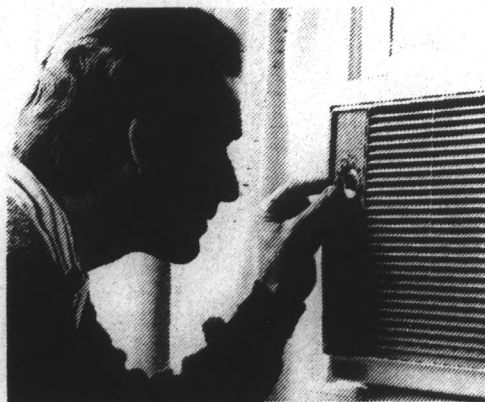
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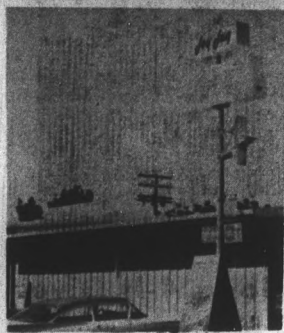
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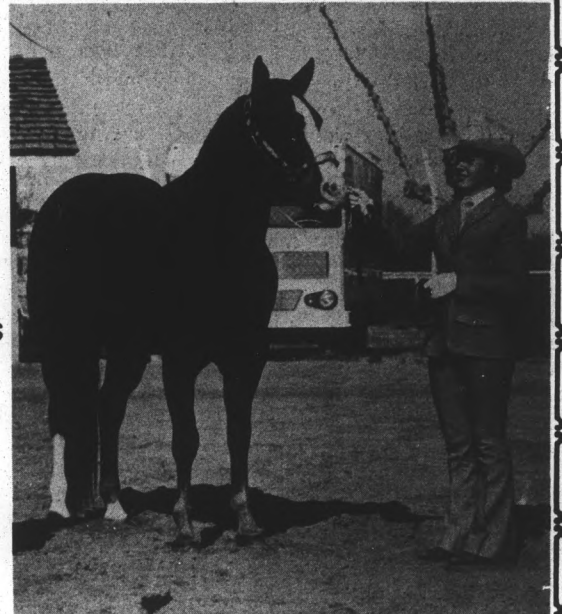
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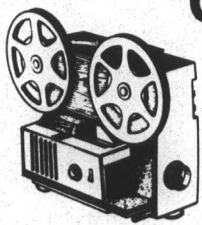
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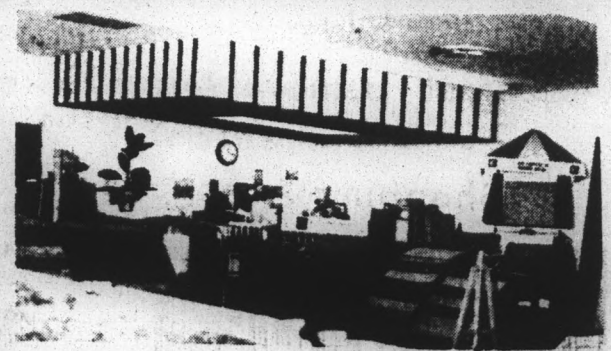


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SEVENTY-NINTH Commencement at Porterville High School, June 4 in Jamison stadium.

(Farm Tribune photos)

PLEASANT VIEW 4-H ELECTS OFFICERS

PLEASANT VIEW — The May meeting of Pleasant View 4-H Club started with good ole' fair reports. Reporting on different categories were Vickie Burgess on sheep; dairy, Margie Callison; dairy showmanship, Carolyn Valine; chickens, Will Jameson; swine, Kathy Maure; leather, Mark Souza; mini gardens, John Zaninovich; cooking, Cathy Rosso; clothing, Pam Newsom; home furnishings, Hattie Merritt; judging contest, Stephanie Ragan; Hi 4-H booth (food), Ron Santry; citizenship booth & fund raising dinner, Tim Santry.

Project reports were done by Vickie Burgess, Ted Fallert, Billy Samaduroff, Paloma Similla, and Mark Zaninovich.

Discussion of June party as to what everyone wanted! Other reports done by Ted Fallert on the Science Program on Cape Canaveral. Flag salute and 4-H pledge led by Corby Souza and Ann Burgess.

Election of officers was held, those filling offices were: President, Caroline Valine; vice president, Anne Burgess; secretary, Kathy Callison; treasurer, Jack Burgess; reporter, John Zaninovich; corresponding secretary, Gayle Burgess; song leaders, head, Kathy Maure, Veronica Chamberlain; sgt.-at-arms, Will Jameson, Cindy Maure, Mark Zaninovich; doorman, Corby Souza, Bill Samaduroff; recreation, Vicki Burgess, Mario Rosso.

SUNKIST SWIM MEET

VISALIA — The 13th annual Sequoia-Sunkist swim meet at the College of the Sequoias pool in Visalia, June 12-13, will match top swimmers from southern and northern California against a strong contingent representing central California. More than 3,000 entries have been received for the AAU-sanctioned meet.

Hay planted in California will total 1,620,000 acres off 2 per cent from the 1,650,000 acres planted during 1975.

ARREST CLEARS SERIES OF FIRES

PORTERVILLE — A four-month investigation by the California Division of Forestry and the Porterville City Fire Department has cleared up a series of fires in the Porterville area.

CDF investigators arrested a 20-year-old Porterville youth, Steve Waldron, and charged him with setting several fires in Doyle Colony and the City of Porterville.

Waldron was arraigned in the Porterville Municipal court after being charged with setting fire to an apartment house in the City of Porterville last February, and setting four grass fires in the Doyle Colony area. Bail was set at \$5,000.

Vandalia 4-H Gives 'Pin' Money To Local Red Cross

PORTERVILLE — Vandalia 4-H club members recently presented a check to the American Red Cross to purchase pins to be given to students in the city swim program.

The club's annual family picnic was held Sunday, June 6, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bennett, with special guest, Miss Georgene Werstler, county 4-H youth advisor, attending. The afternoon was spent visiting, swimming, playing volleyball, and ping pong.

Pins, stripes and stars earned by the members this year will be presented at the club's achievement night today, at Vandalia cafeteria.

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DUFFY PROTESTS PLAN THAT WOULD ADD COSTS TO FARM PRODUCTION

SACRAMENTO — Assemblyman Gordon Duffy has asked the State Industrial Welfare commission not to place further production costs on the farmer unless it can at the same time guarantee the farmer an advantageous price for his food and fiber at the market place.

The strongly worded protest was in response to the Commission's proposal to adopt stringent working hours and overtime pay for field workers.

The Hanford legislator said, "In my opinion, the adoption of these proposed regulations would penalize California agriculture to such an extent

that the state could no longer compete with other food and fiber producing areas of this nation and Mexico."

"The California farmer already pays the highest wages, plus unemployment benefits. Overtime pay will price California products off the shelf," Duffy added.

"Such governmental actions will force further mechanization of agriculture which means a shrinking job market for many who are not capable or who are unwilling to progress upward from the unskilled category."

The Industrial Welfare commission held hearings on this subject in Fresno, June 7 and 8.

Half Million Allocated For Cotton Production Research

VISALIA — Allocation of \$444,250 for cotton production research in California for the 1976-77 fiscal year was approved by the California Planting Cotton Seed Distributions board of directors meeting recently in Visalia.

The funds will finance projects of University of California researchers and for industry support of the U.S. Department of Agriculture cotton research station at Shafter, in Kern County.

The research monies come from a \$33.85 per ton assessment on each ton of seed purchased by San Joaquin valley growers for planting their 1976 cotton crop. The sum is the largest provided by any commodity in California to support combined state and federal production research activity.

Of the total, \$278,000 is earmarked for Shafter station support, with the remainder going for specific project activity in research.

The program was recommended to the board by the research committee of CPCSD, headed by Stan Willis of Bakersfield.

In addition, the board approved a special funding of \$59,500 for improvements at the Shafter station including replacement and rerouting of irrigation pipelines and enlargement of the station's conference room. These expenditures were recommended by the board's Shafter station liaison committee, chaired by Lawrence Taylor of Kingsburg.

Tom Cherry, manager, reported sales of planting seed to growers for 1976 planting totalled approximately 15,000 tons, 2,000 tons more than projected last spring. Most of the increase is attributed to seed used for replanting because of adverse weather conditions early in the season. Committee estimates of the extent of replanting ranged as high as 18 per cent of planted acreage.

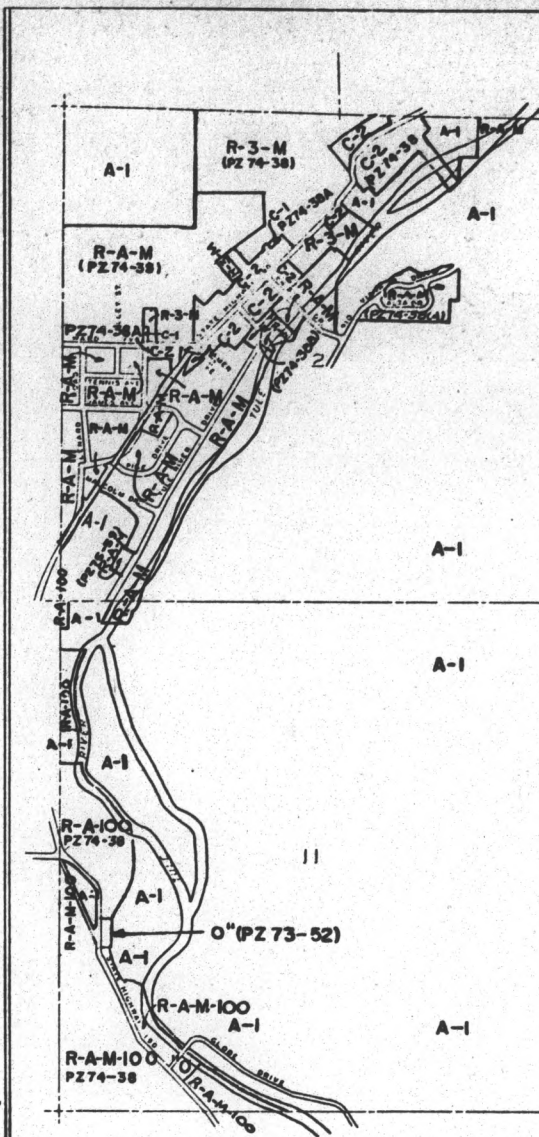
Cherry said total acreage planted to cotton in the six counties this season probably is greater than the one million acres predicted earlier. This indicates an acreage increase in excess of 20 percent over 1975 plantings in the valley.

Of the total, Cherry believes about 70 per cent is planted to the Acala SJ-2 variety with 30 per cent in the SJ-4 seed recommended for areas of moderate to heavy wilt.

Among specific research grants approved are those for cotton screening and varietal testing, verticillium wilt studies, biological control of insects, weed control, water management and air pollution studies as related to cotton.

American National Cattlemen's association's 80th annual convention and trade show is set for Atlanta, Georgia, February 1-4, 1977.

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OFFICIAL (PRECISE) ZONING MAP COUNTY OF TULARE

LEGEND

(R-1) RURAL RESIDENTIAL ZONE	(A-1) EXCLUSIVE AGRICULTURAL ZONE
(R-2) SPECIAL MOBILE HOME ZONE	(A-2) AGRICULTURAL FARMING ZONE
(R-3) SINGLE FAMILY ESTATE ZONE	(N-1) NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL ZONE
(R-4) ONE FAMILY ZONE	(C-1) GENERAL COMMERCIAL ZONE
(R-5) TWO FAMILY ZONE	(M-1) LIGHT MANUFACTURING ZONE
(R-6) MULTIPLE FAMILY ZONE	(H-1) HEAVY MANUFACTURING ZONE
(R-7) RECREATION ZONE	(F-1) FUTURE ZONE
(P-1) PROFESSIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE ZONE	(F-2) PRIMARY FLOOD PLAIN ZONE
(P-2) AUTOMOBILE PARKING ZONE	(F-3) SECONDARY FLOOD PLAIN ZONE
(E-1) EXCLUSIVE AGR. ZONE 20 ACRE MIN.	
(E-2) EXCLUSIVE AGR. ZONE 50 ACRE MIN.	

CALIFORNIA
PART 326 OF
BASIC ORDINANCE
NO. 352
APPROVED JULY 16, 1967
COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
ADOPTED NOVEMBER 18, 1967
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

AMENDMENT	ORD. NO.	ADOPTED	AMENDMENT	ORD. NO.	ADOPTED
P273-52	1592	5-22-73			
P274-38	1765	9-10-74			
P274-39A	1837	6-24-75			
P274-39B	1874	10-14-75			
P275-59	1933	6-1-76			

ORDINANCE NO. 1933
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
ORDINANCE NO. 352, BEING
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISH-
ING AND REGULATING LAND
USES WITHIN CERTAIN ZONES
IN THE COUNTY OF TULARE.
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF TULARE DO
ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:
Section 1. Paragraph B of Section 3 of Ordinance No. 352 of the County of Tulare is hereby amended by the adoption of an amended map of the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 2 of Township 21 South, Range 29 East, Mount Diablo Base & Meridian, being a subdivision of Part 326 of the Official (Precise) Zoning Map, which amend-

ed map is hereby adopted and made a part hereof.
Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days from the date of the passage hereof, and prior to the expiration of fifteen (15) days from the passage hereof shall be published once in The Farm Tribune, a newspaper printed and published in the County of Tulare, State of California, together with the names of the Board of Supervisors voting for and against the same.
THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE was passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Tulare, State of California, on the 1st day of June 1976, at a regular meeting of said Board, duly and regularly

convened on said day, by the following vote:
AYES:
R. D. Baird
Donald M. Hillman
Robert E. Harrell
Fred Batkin
Raymond J. Muller
NOES:
None
ABSENT:
None
Robert E. Harrell
Chairman, Board of Supervisors, County of Tulare
ATTEST: JAY C. BAYLESS, County Clerk and Ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Tulare
By Carol Santos, Deputy
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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
The following person has abandoned the use of the fictitious business name
SPRINGVILLE REALTY
at 35640 Highway 190, Springville, Calif. 93265.
The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in County on September, 1973.
WESLEY HAYES KUTZNER
35640 Hwy 190
Springville, Ca. 93265
This business was conducted by an individual.
Signed Wesley H. Kutzner.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Tulare County on May 17, 1976. m20,27,j3,10

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
The following person has abandoned the use of the fictitious business name
ROCKING CHAIR REALTY
at Rt. 2, Box 512, Camp Nelson, Ca. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in County on April 27, 1976.
WESLEY HAYES KUTZNER
Rt. 2, Box 512
Camp Nelson, Ca.
This business was conducted by an individual.
Signed Wesley Hayes Kutzner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Tulare County on May 17, 1976. m20,27,j3,10

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person is doing business as:
SPRINGVILLE REALTY
at 35640 Highway 190, Springville, Calif. 93265.
CLYDE ROBERT FERRELL
195 South Main St.
Porterville, Calif. 93257
This business is conducted by an individual.
Signed Clyde Robert Ferrell.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Tulare County on May 12, 1976.
CERTIFICATION
I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the original on file in my office.
JAY C. BAYLESS, County Clerk
By Gloria Couchman, Deputy
EXPIRES 12/31/81
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California's 14 major vegetable acreages for harvest this spring totals 102,850 acres, a 4 per cent increase over the 1975 acreage for the same period.

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"Ole Yaller"

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them. It took a bit of doing to weld and reinforce the major pieces together but after more than a year of spare time labor, "Ole Yaller" was "recreated." Benton brags that the big rig is really tougher and stronger than most of the newer trucks now hauling logs and can haul a bigger payload.

The know-how to do the work in rebuilding the pieces into the one machine came as a result of Benton's education. He is a native of the Hanford area, a graduate of College of Sequoias, did a stint in the Army as a dental technician, then worked as a diesel mechanic for seven years in Southern California.

He then went back to school at Fresno State University where he attained a bachelor's degree in industrial education and then came to Porterville college where he has been teaching for 11 years.

Benton took sabbatical leave in 1972 and went back to FSU to earn his master's degree. His two-way radio "handle" is "Professor."

Despite all of the work he did building the machine and gleaning parts and pieces here and there, "Ole Yaller" wasn't cheap. Benton estimates he has about \$15,000 invested. But compared with the current near \$50,000 price tag for a new rig like his, "Ole Yaller" was pretty economical. And it has most of the attributes of the latest machines.

"Ole Yaller" really isn't much different than other logging trucks. It's the history of the machine and the labor of love that rebuilt it that makes it so special.

Benton's eyes sparkle as he proudly explains what qualities the big truck has. It has a special instrument panel which Benton designed himself. Gauges are placed for easiest reading and he says he has "probably more" than he needs. But he knows what is going on with the big truck all the time, from front to rear, inside and out.

Of course he has two-way radio and the red with black trim cab features matching carpeting, an air seat, and fancy gold flecked crystal knobs on toggle switches and levers.

The big engine is kept tuned to perfection by Benton to keep power flowing through the 16 forward gears he can select with his dual transmission system. "Ole Yaller" also features dual drive differentials which can apply power to all four dual

wheel units or to just two of them at Benton's choice.

It also is equipped with a "Jake Brake" to help hold the big rig back with "engine power" when coming downgrade rather than using the wheel air brakes so much.

"Ole Yaller" is about 34 feet long without the log trailer but 55 feet with trailer in trail position. The big rig weighs in at about 24,000 pounds or 12 tons unladen, but can carry about 56,000 pounds of logs bringing the total laden weight to about 80,000 pounds, or 40 tons. The whole weight is supported on 18 big wheels.

One thing the big truck doesn't have is power steering. Benton said he doesn't want it because it can give trouble and overheat with so much use in mountain driving. In addition, it limits turning radius, which is vitally needed on the switchbacks and tight mountain road turns.

With a 54,630 pound load of logs in the "bunks" - "Ole Yaller" eased down the twisting mountain road toward the mill at Terra Bella. The "Jake Brake" huffed holding back the heavy weight of the total rig. Now and then the air brakes wheezed, and all of the time, the short muscular man, had both feet and arms busy in steering, shifting, throttling and braking.

Upcoming traffic squeezed wide of the white line to give the big truck and heavy logs as wide a berth as possible. But they are really in no danger with the skillful driver at the controls of the monster rig.

Benton loves trucks! He has been driving since he was 15 in "off road" operations and off and on up to the present time. He is now 42.

As for skill, he has had only one accident and that was when a motorcyclist skidded across the white line on a mountain curve and hit the left front of "Ole Yaller." The cyclist only lost a lot of skin, but his motorcycle was badly damaged by the heavy truck.

Benton says getting away from school during the summers and off to the woods in his truck is a real refresher.

The college professor calls "Ole Yaller" his toy, "and everybody needs a toy to play with," he adds. But he says he guesses sometimes his wife wishes he had a smaller toy to play with - like maybe a model airplane.

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Chamber Manager To Attend Institute

PORTERVILLE - Don Collins, manager of the Porterville chamber of commerce, will attend the institute for organization and

management at Mills college in the bay area July 25-30.

The program is sponsored by the U.S. chamber of commerce for chamber managers in the western states area.



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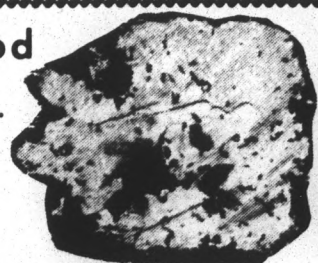
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THE DEED to the Sunnyside pool complex was donated to the Tulare county YMCA this week by an anonymous donor. Receiving the deed from Will Hansen, second from left, local realtor who represented the donor, is David Itzenhauser, county YMCA president; while looking on, left to right, are John Lehmann, Porterville YMCA chairman; Jack Wylie, general director; and Don Collins county YMCA treasurer. (Farm Tribune photo)

ANONYMOUS DONOR GIVES SUNNYSIDE POOL TO YMCA

PORTERVILLE — The Tulare County Y.M.C.A. has received a donation enabling them to secure the Sunnyside pool as a permanent program facility for the Y.M.C.A. The parcel includes a pool, dressing rooms, sauna, picnic area and parking lot valued at an estimated \$60,500. The donor chooses to remain anonymous.

The Y.M.C.A. first leased the pool on June 1, 1970 and operated the pool until October of 1975. At that time renting the pool became prohibitive due to the construction of three new pools in Porterville. The high school's use of the Y.M.C.A. pool had defrayed the cost of rental previously.

The Y.M.C.A.'s plan recently was to use back yard pools and public pools to provide

Y.M.C.A. lessons. This donation however, allows the Y.M.C.A. to continue to offer swimming lessons and recreational swimming to Y.M.C.A. members and guests.

According to David Itzenhauser, Tulare county Y.M.C.A. president, "This donation guarantees that the county Y.M.C.A. headquarters will remain in Porterville. Having a permanent home is an asset to the association as we work to involve youth and families in meaningful Y.M.C.A. programs."

John Lehmann, Porterville Y.M.C.A. Committee Chairman, announced that volunteer work parties will prepare the pool for a grand opening in early July and that the Porterville Y.M.C.A. will announce summer plans in one week.

Don Vossler Appointed To Prune Board

SACRAMENTO — Donald Vossler, of Porterville, has been appointed to the California Prune Advisory board for a two-year term as a producer member representing cooperatives.

Board appointments were made by L.T. Wallace, state director of food and agriculture on a basis of nominations received at meetings of producers, independent processors and cooperative marketing associations in seven districts throughout the state.

Board members assist Wallace in administration of the State Marketing Order for California Dried Prunes; in advertising and sales promotion; and in research involving production, processing, and marketing.

ANN MARTINEZ WINS LAMB

PORTERVILLE — Mrs. Ann Martinez of 67 S. Villa street, Porterville, was the winner of a free lamb in a drawing held in the Porterville chamber of commerce booth at the recent Porterville Fair.

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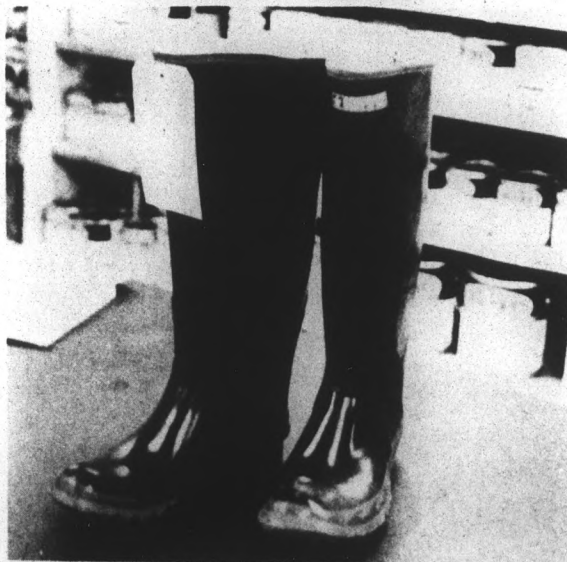


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